

# The Corporation of the Township of Matachewan

## MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



THE TOWNSHIP OF MATACHEWAN  
WHERE THE HIGHWAY ENDS AND THE ADVENTURE  
BEGINS!

### October, the month of the Child



### KIDS HELP PHONE TIPS ON BULLYING

**Bullying is difficult for anyone to handle**

It can happen anywhere, anytime and it doesn't go away on its own.

Bullying can be both physical and psychological.

Bullying can also happen on the internet, on a cell or telephone & in person. The best way to deal with being bullied is to take action when it first starts.

**Here are some things to try if you or someone you know are being bullied:**

- 1) Don't keep bullying to yourself, tell someone or talk about it with an adult
- 2) Walk away or avoid the bully whenever possible
- 3) Don't respond to the emails or text messages
- 4) Avoid being alone
- 5) Stand up for yourself
- 6) Shout and tell the bully to leave you alone

**Remember...**

You are not alone and you didn't do anything to deserve this. If you or someone you know needs help with a bullying situation, contact The Kids Help Phone's professional counselors:



Deadline for Committee and Fire Department submissions for the November 2008 Monthly Newsletter is Friday October 26, 2008. ...HAPPY HALLOWEEN!



#### Psychological bullying

Examples of psychological bullying, peer victimization and social manipulation include:

1. Ostracizing or ignoring
2. Not being invited to join group activities
3. Spreading lies, rumors or spiteful gossip
4. Name calling and hurtful teasing
5. Stalking, following or over-watching
6. Threatening, intimidating or hounding.
7. Taunting, scaring or frightening
8. Continuing to menace, knowing that it is negatively affecting the individual
9. Discrimination

Psychological bullying is harassment. People dealing with psychological bullying feel less safe, and they're less pleased with their atmosphere.

Studies have shown that those who view their schools or workplaces as less safe are more likely to carry a weapon and boys are more likely than girls to carry weapons as a result of physical and psychological bullying.



**The Matachewan Volunteer Fire Department**

would like to remind you that matches and lighters can be deadly weapons. Keep all fire starting materials out of sight and reach of children. If you smoke, keep your lighter or matches with you at all times.

#### CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

The Corporation of the Township of Matachewan has proclaimed October as "Child Abuse Prevention Month". If you are concerned about the overall wellbeing of a child or if you feel that a child may be a victim of abuse, protect the child by reporting your concerns to your local child care authorities.

Child and Family Services  
(705) 567-5437  
or the police  
at (888) 310-1122.



### OCTOBER 22ND IS THE 8TH ANNUAL CHILD CARE WORKER AND EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATOR APPRECIATION DAY



**2007 Recipients:** Left to right; back row: Joe Bisson-Deputy Reeve for the township of Matachewan, Lisa Hendrix-Early Childhood Educator for Keepers of the Circle, Day Care, Celine Verrier-Development Service Worker for Child and Family Services of Timmins and District, Jeanine Batisse Matachewan First Nations Band Manager & School bus driver for McLeallan Transportation Co. Ltd. & April George, Administrative Assistant to the CAO for the Township of Matachewan. Left to right, front row: Lorraine Davies- Educational Assistant for Sacred Heart Catholic School & Deborah Lafrance - Early Childhood Education graduate.

On the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Child Care Worker & Early Childhood Educator Appreciation Day on October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2007, Matachewan joined communities across Canada in celebrating the work and achievements of Child Care Workers who reside within our Municipality. We wanted them to be recognized for the role that they play in shaping a

child's social, physical, emotional and cognitive development. All Child Care Worker's contributing to the care of children impact and benefit both families and communities in a most incontestable way.

On September 15, 2008, The Council of the Corporation of the Township of Matachewan resolved to declare October 22<sup>nd</sup> 2008 as



the 8th Annual Child Care Worker & Early Childhood Educator Appreciation Day and October 11-19<sup>th</sup>, 2008 as the Week of the Child.

Join us in honoring those residing in our Municipality who currently work in an avenue leading to the benefit of children and families.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to you on behalf of our Matachewan family. for more information visit:

[www.childcareontario.org](http://www.childcareontario.org)

If you would like to nominate someone for recognition and appreciation, contact the municipal office.



Stay posted for the 2008 recipients.



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OCTOBER 2008

**Be proactive this Halloween and stay safe!**

To report any unlawful behavior such as ATV infractions, vandalism, littering, or assault contact:



the O.P.P.  
1 (888) 310-1122



Let it be known that the Township currently has a list of properties that are available for public tender. This list is available in the Northern News, The Speaker, The Ontario Gazette, at the township office and on our website [www.matachewan.com](http://www.matachewan.com).

**RESPONSIBLE HUNTING STARTS WITH YOU**

**Respect the law**

**Don't trespass on Private Property**

**Have respect for other hunters**

**Have respect for wildlife**

**Remember conservation positively impacts our hunting heritage**

Let it be known that the municipality will be conducting an inspection of all municipal laneways. Make sure that your laneway is clear and ready for emergency use only. Remove wood piles, vehicles property, debris and structures obstructing municipal laneways immediately.

**Is this your dog?**



On August 26th/08 the offending dog shown in the picture attacked another dog while it was tied up on a chain, in its own yard. This stray was then scared off of the property. The dog that was victimized ended up with wounds on its ear and face.

This dog and several other dogs have been the mention of many "Animal Complaints". The citizens of Matachewan have been flooding the township office with complaints about dogs and cats, all summer long.


This public outcry has not gone unnoticed by Council. If this is your dog or if your dog regularly runs at large, you are in in for some drastic changes months to come. Be aware that by-law control and animal control are about to become much more strict as a result of the overwhelming list of complaints from citizens of Matachewan.

If you have a photograph of a dog or cat that is not in compliance with the municipalities Animal Control By-law, email it and the circumstances surrounding an incident to [township@ntl.sympatico.ca](mailto:township@ntl.sympatico.ca).

*Happy Thanksgiving from The Corporation of the Township of Matachewan*



**KIDS, BE SAFE THIS HALLOWEEN AND DON'T FORGET TO WEAR REFLECTIVE CLOTHING WHEN TRICK OR TREATING**



**Pets and Emergencies  
Crossword Puzzle**

Ages  
9+  
[www.ontario.ca/emo](http://www.ontario.ca/emo)

Read the clues and fill in the answers about pets and emergencies

1. Two things any animal needs to survive.
2. Keep them warm with a \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Hold on to this so your dog won't run away.
4. One of these will help others to recognize your pet if it is missing.
5. Use this and let your pet get off its feet.
6. Remember that your pet might want to play with a \_\_\_\_\_.
7. Pack this if you have a sick pet.
8. These will come in handy for food and water.
9. An \_\_\_\_\_ with your phone number and veterinarian's information will help if your pet gets lost.

**Hint:**  
See the Pets and Emergencies fact sheet at [www.ontario.ca/emo](http://www.ontario.ca/emo) if you need help.

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